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Costa Rica*: draft resolution

Follow-up to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1988 (LX) of 11 May 1976, by which it noted the important responsibilities placed upon the Economic and Social Council by the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1/ in particular those resulting from articles 21 and 22, and expressed its readiness to fulfil those responsibilities,

Recalling its decision 1978/10 of 3 May 1978, by which it decided to establish a sessional working group on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

Recalling also its resolutions 1979/43 of 11 May 1979 and 1982/33 of 6 May 1982, and its decision 1981/158 of 8 May 1982,

Recalling further its resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985, by which it reviewed the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and established the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

1/ See General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI).

Having taken into account the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Conference on Human Rights, 2/ which reaffirmed that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated and that the international community must treat them globally in a fair and equal manner, on the same footing, and with the same emphasis,

Noting that the procedure of election of the members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights is not consistent with the established procedure of electing members of committees under other human rights treaty bodies,

1. Recommends to the States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights that they consider amending the Covenant to provide for its follow-up by a committee whose members would be elected by the States parties to the Covenant, as is the case with other, similar human rights treaty bodies;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to consult the States parties to the Covenant on holding a meeting to consider the implementation of the present resolution.

2/ A/CONF.157/24 (part I), chap. III.